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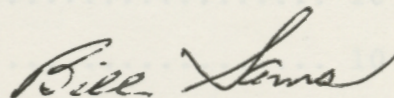
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To His Excellency, Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. Governor of
South Carolina:

Sir:

We have the honor to transmit herewith the Annual
Report of the South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs
for the year ending June 30, 1988.

Respectfully yours,



Bill J. Sams
Director

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DIRECTORY OF STATE OFFICE

South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs 1305 ... Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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DIRECTORY OF STATE OFFICE

South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs
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Deputy Director: Bill J. Sams

Field Office Supervisors: Richard T. Coleman

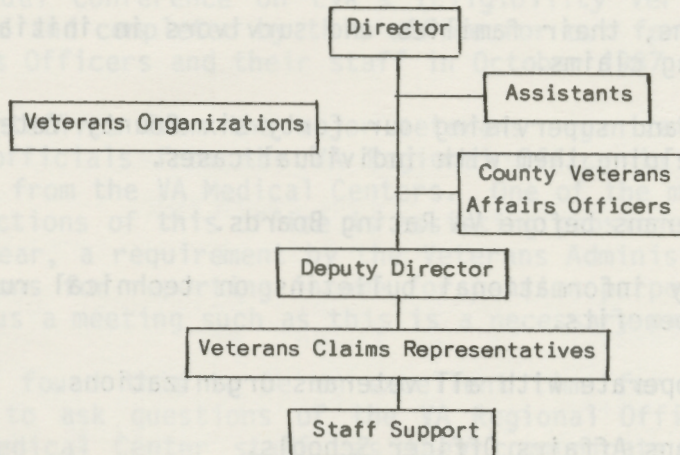
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Thomas E. Schmidt

Business Manager: Linda S. Skipper

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART of DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
The Governor, Chairman
The Attorney General
The Adjutant General



HISTORY and MISSION

The Department of Veterans Affairs was originally created in 1927, as the State Service Bureau, by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the purpose of "assisting all ex-service men, regardless of the wars in which their service was rendered, in filing, presenting and prosecuting to final determination all claims which they have for money compensation, hospitalization, training and insurance benefits under the terms of federal legislation relative thereto."

The original Act was amended in 1945 by providing for a County Service Officer (now County Veterans Affairs Officer) in each of the forty-six counties in the State and restating the purpose, as amended, "to ensure stabilization and coordination of the service work for and in behalf of the war veterans and ex-servicemen and women of South Carolina, in order that they may be guaranteed the maximum benefits granted by laws enacted by the National Congress."

The necessity for personal assistance to veterans in filing and pursuing claims and a continuing information program results from the legal principle that no veterans' benefits are awarded automatically. All Must Be Applied For. The Veterans Administration is not a "hand-out" agency as all claims allowed must be justified; hence, skill and knowledge in service work comes into being when we know what evidence is needed to bring about the favorable decision.

There are approximately 351,000 living veterans in South Carolina as of June 30, 1988 and as our veterans become older, more and more of them become eligible for increased service connected disability payments or non-service pension payments. Also, the death of a veteran may result in a claim being filed by his/her survivors. Our ranks are additionally being swelled by our newly discharged veterans and retirees of the Regular Service.

FUNCTIONS

1. Assist veterans, their families and survivors in initiating, filing and prosecuting claims.
2. Working with and supervising our forty-six County Veterans Affairs Officers in helping them with individual cases.
3. Represent veterans before VA Rating Boards.
4. Publish timely informational bulletins on technical rules relating to veteran's benefits.
5. Assist and cooperate with all veterans organizations.
6. Conduct Veterans Affairs Officer Schools.

FUNCTIONS (Continued)

7. Maintain complete files on all veterans whom we assist.
8. Assist other states in securing evidence needed to develop their claims.
9. Assist veterans in securing Social Security, welfare and related benefits.
10. Assist survivors and morticians in securing burial benefits.
11. Assist legislators with appropriate veterans legislation.
12. Perform a humanitarian service in counseling disabled veterans, veterans' widows, dependent parents and orphans in complete realization of veterans' benefits.
13. Assist veterans in filing applications for review of discharges and in obtaining disability retirement or an increase in disability retirement.
14. Assist in admitting veterans to VA hospitals and other facilities.

In addition to the above functions, our personnel must be knowledgeable in many other facets of veterans benefits such as: education/training, insurance, VA hospitalization, Civil Service Preference, military hospital treatment, PX privileges, the different types of military retirement pay, outpatient treatment, burial in national and VA cemeteries, and State legislation as it pertains to veterans.

COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICERS CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference on EVR's (Eligibility Verification Reports) was sponsored and completed by this office for our forty-six County Veterans Affairs Officers and their staff in October 1987.

Representatives from the major veterans organizations were present along with officials from the VA Regional Office in Columbia, as well as personnel from the VA Medical Centers. One of the most time consuming seasonal functions of this office is assisting pensioners in filing their EVR's each year, a requirement by the Veterans Administration. The laws and regulations for reporting income for pension purposes are constantly changing, thus a meeting such as this is a necessary part of our mission.

We have found this to be an excellent time for all 46 CVAO's and their staff to ask questions of the VA Regional Office staff, as well as the VA Medical Center staff, as they communicate with these people all year over the phone. Also, this is an opportunity to introduce the newly appointed CVAO's to their colleagues and VA staff.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 1987-88

Personal Services

Director	\$ 50,846
Classified Positions	292,505
Unclassified Positions	<u>78,894</u>

Total Personal Services \$ 422,245

Operating Expenses

Contractual Services	9,357
Supplies	5,957
Fixed Charges & Contrib.	27,580
Travel	8,381
Equipment	<u>491</u>

Total Operating Expenses 51,766

Operation of County Offices 570,031
(Aid to Subdivisions)

Employer Contributions 82,837

TOTAL EXPENITURES \$1,126,879

STATE VETERANS NURSING HOME

ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

The construction of a second state veterans nursing home located near Anderson is on target and will consist of a 100,000 plus, square feet building. This facility will have 220 beds. Bids for this facility are to be released in July 1988 with anticipated ground-breaking taking place sometime in the Fall of 1988.

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
STATISTICAL REPORT - 1987/88**

Claims: Compensation, Pension, Education	
Insurance, Aid & Attendance, Etc.	2,905
Corrections to Discharge/Records	87
Forms Prepared	7,463
Letters Dictated	7,611
Hearings Conducted	238
Interviews and Consultations	5,010
Visits to VA Hospitals, County Offices	
Housebound veterans, Etc.	1,551
VA Files Reviewed	2,977
Telephone Calls	18,025
Veterans Files/Cards Processed	12,875
Legislation Monitored (Journals, Calendars, Etc.)	2,110
Monetary award letters processed and mailed	16,456
Visitors Received	3,163
Conferences/meetings attended	50

**46 COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICES
STATISTICAL REPORT - 1987/88**

Office Contacts	421,450
Communications - Received & Mailed	201,783
Miles traveled on official business	287,466
Number of visits to hospitals/nursing homes, and to house- bound veterans and widows	6,337
Letters and forms prepared regarding claims	58,634
Claims filed - Compensation, D.I.C., pension, Insurance, hospital treatment, burial expense, free tuition, discharge changes, VA home loans, eligibility verification, and all other claims	101,912

FREE TUITION

This Agency administers the Free Tuition Program for the children of certain veterans under the provision of Section 59-111-20 of the 1971 Code of Laws, as amended.

During the fiscal year 1987-88, 324 applications for Free Tuition were received. Of those, 253 were approved and 71 denied. Total benefit derived from this program was \$747,186.*

<u>Colleges & Universities</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Cost</u>
University of South Carolina	\$ 2028	111	\$ 225,108
Regional Campuses	1275	40	53,200
Clemson University	1922	39	74,958
Medical University of South Carolina	1430	4	7,150
Winthrop College	2060	37	76,220
College of Charleston	2110	22	46,420
Francis Marion College	1540	20	30,800
Lander College	1820	18	32,760
South Carolina State College	1450	35	50,750
Citadel	1982	6	12,092
Sub-total		332	\$ 609,458

Technical Colleges

Aiken Technical	800	6	\$ 4,800
Beaufort Technical	900	6	5,400
Chesterfield-Marlboro Technical	720	0	0
Denmark Technical	680	2	1,360
Florence-Darlington Technical	900	8	7,200
Greenville Technical	740	23	17,020
Horry-Georgetown Technical	800	11	8,800
Midlands Technical	1000	36	36,000
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical	760	8	6,080
Piedmont Technical	900	9	8,100
Spartanburg Technical	720	8	5,760
Sumter Technical	792	9	7,128
Tri-County Technical	800	19	15,200
Trident Technical	840	12	10,080
Williamsburg Technical	600	2	1,200
York Technical	1200	3	3,600
Sub-total		162	\$ 137,728
Annual Grand Total		<u>494</u>	<u>\$ 747,186</u>

* Cost cannot be obtained by multiplying tuition by number of students because some students are not full time.

PRISONER OF WAR COMMISSION

On May 18, 1988 Governor Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. signed into law an Act providing for a Prisoner of War Commission. It shall be attached to the Department of Veterans Affairs for logistical and staff support only. The Prisoner of War Commission shall be composed of one member from each Congressional District and one member from the State-at-large. A Chairman must be elected annually by the Commission from its membership. (R622, H2148)

VA ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1987 SOUTH CAROLINA GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION BY COUNTY

<u>County</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Total</u>
Abbeville	\$ 1,823,279	Greenwood	\$ 4,408,629
Aiken	9,210,506	Hampton	1,091,161
Allendale	725,615	Horry	11,077,625
Anderson	10,772,087	Jasper	921,375
Bamberg	1,316,684	Kershaw	3,154,551
Barnwell	1,104,160	Lancaster	3,648,297
Beaufort	6,236,503	Laurens	3,570,832
Berkeley	7,792,625	Lee	1,097,060
Calhoun	830,562	Lexington	11,439,701
Charleston	73,079,282	McCormick	471,014
Cherokee	2,995,960	Marion	2,638,028
Chester	2,200,672	Marlboro	2,444,235
Chesterfield	2,409,980	Newberry	2,393,113
Clarendon	2,063,399	Oconee	43,868,703
Colleton	2,856,778	Orangeburg	6,073,022
Darlington	4,266,468	Pickens	5,881,626
Dillon	2,068,596	Richland	98,969,502
Dorchester	5,411,683	Saluda	1,290,667
Edgefield	1,267,392	Spartanburg	14,399,444
Fairfield	1,531,413	Sumter	8,287,806
Florence	8,670,976	Union	2,878,383
Georgetown	3,131,680	Williamsburg	2,574,793
Greenville	20,204,360	York	6,980,987
*			
South Carolina Total	\$ 371,531,214		

*

This total represents five categories under which money comes in to South Carolina: Compensation and Pension, Readjustment and Vocational Rehabilitation, Insurance and Indemnities, Construction and related costs, and Medical Services and Administrative costs.

ESTIMATED VETERAN POPULATION - JUNE 30, 1988

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL VETERANS</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL VETERANS</u>
Abbeville	2,210	Greenwood	6,710
Aiken	12,870	Hampton	1,400
Allendale	680	Horry	14,400
Anderson	15,360	Jasper	1,140
Bamberg	1,190	Kershaw	4,570
Barnwell	1,750	Lancaster	5,280
Beaufort	9,370	Laurens	5,500
Berkeley	12,420	Lee	1,050
Calhoun	1,040	Lexington	19,680
Charleston	33,300	Marion	2,550
Cherokee	4,060	Marlboro	2,240
Chester	3,000	McCormick	560
Chesterfield	3,520	Newberry	3,080
Clarendon	2,070	Oconee	5,390
Colleton	2,970	Orangeburg	6,850
Darlington	5,500	Pickens	9,270
Dillon	2,250	Richland	33,140
Dorchester	8,190	Saluda	1,680
Edgefield	1,320	Spartanburg	23,090
Fairfield	1,880	Sumter	8,530
Florence	10,560	Union	3,210
Georgetown	4,830	Williamsburg	2,430
Greenville	35,690	York	13,220
		TOTAL	351,000

HOYT B. HILL, JR., RETIRES

On June 30, 1988, the South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs lost to retirement a truly dedicated Director - Mr. Hoyt Benjamin Hill, Jr. He retired after forty-four years of outstanding service to veterans and their dependents. Because of his wide-ranging impact and vast contributions to the betterment of life for so many, he will long be remembered in this State and especially in this Agency. We wish for Mr. Hill a very healthy and happy retirement.

DIRECTORY OF COUNTY OFFICES

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TEL. NO.</u>
Abbeville	Charlie Murdock	Room 205 County Courthouse PO Box 652 Abbeville, S.C. 29620	459-2608
Aiken	Steven Lott	828 Richland Ave., West Aiken, S.C. 29801	642-1545
Allendale	George Kearse	703 Pine St., PO Box 521 Allendale, S.C. 29810	584-4226
Anderson	Terril D. Landers	Anderson County Office Bldg. 107 S. Main St., Suite 110 Anderson, S.C. 29621	260-4036
Bamberg	B. Monroe Hiers	109 North Street, PO Box 416 Bamberg, S.C. 29003	245-2494
Barnwell	William R. Dixon	T. Edward Richardson Bldg. Hwy. 278 West, PO Box 871 Barnwell, S.C. 29812	259-3149
Beaufort	William Grant	County Annex Building 1713 Prince, St., PO Box 97 Beaufort, S.C. 29901-1228	525-7448
Berkeley	Joseph West	334 East Main St, PO Box 1241 Moncks Corner, S.C. 29461	761-8086
Calhoun	Robert Weaver	117 Liberty St. St. Matthews, S.C. 29135	874-3816
Charleston	Thomas Johnson	Room 322, 15 Hutson St. Charleston, S.C. 29403	724-6721
Cherokee	Carl C. Moore	County Courthouse Gaffney, S.C. 29340	487-2579
Chester	Judy McWaters	War Memorial Bldg, PO Box 957 Chester, S.C. 29706	385-6157
Chesterfield	Robert Raley	101 Park Drive Chesterfield, SC. 29709	623-2482
Clarendon	Harold DuPree	County Courthouse, Room 203 Manning, S.C. 29102	435-2527
Colleton	James H. Platt	Agriculture Bldg. Benson Street PO Box 637 Walterboro, S.C. 29488	549-1412
Darlington	Boyd Curry	County Courthouse Darlington, S.C. 29532	393-1051
Dillon	George Pullie	City County Complex, Room 302 PO Box 493 Dillon, S.C. 29536	774-1427
Dorchester	William A. Adams	County Courthouse 101 Ridge St., PO Box 661 St. George, S.C. 29477	563-5116
Edgefield	Betty Sexton	400 Church St., PO Box 5 Edgefield, S.C. 29824	637-3224
Fairfield	John P. Glass	117 E. Washington St. PO Box 456 Winnsboro, S.C. 29180	635-4131

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TEL. NO.</u>
Florence	Etta Jaillette	City-County Complex, Rm. 701 Box T Florence, S.C. 29501	665-3045
Georgetown	Betty Georges	County Courthouse PO Box 306 Georgetown, S.C. 29441	546-8973
Greenville	J.R. Dryman	Greenville County Square, Suite 1500 Greenville, S.C. 29601-3660	240-7230
Greenwood	Lewis Pinson	County Courthouse, Room 100 Greenwood, S.C. 29646	229-6622 ext. 230
Hampton	Leola Bennett	DeLoach Office Bldg, Rm. 105 201 Jackson Ave., West Hampton, S.C. 29924	943-2258
Horry	Roger G. Hucks	Horry County Courthouse PO Box 385 Conway, S.C. 29526	248-6247 ext. 291
Jasper	LeRoy Blackshear	County Courthouse, 305 Russell St. PO Box 1536 Ridgeland, S.C. 29936	726-8940
Kershaw	J.A. McDonald, Sr.	County Courthouse, Rm. 225 PO Box 691 Camden, S.C. 29020	425-1521
Lancaster	George Rollings	208 West Gay St, PO Box 1809 Lancaster, S.C. 29720	283-2469
Laurens	Barney J. Blackwell	Courthouse Annex, W. Main St, PO Box 193 Laurens, S.C. 29360	984-4041
Lee	John B. Houser, Jr.	105 Courthouse Square PO Box 461 Bishopville, S.C. 29010	484-5129
Lexington	George LeRoy	Memorial Building 219 E. Main St. Lexington, S.C. 29072	359-8400
McCormick	T.C. Faulkner, Jr.	Old Stockade Bldg PO Box 247 McCormick, S.C. 29835	465-2212
Marion	Mrs. Eloise W. Rogers	100 West Court St, PO Box 519 Marion, S.C. 29571	423-6732
Marlboro	Frank Ward	County Courthouse PO Box 401 Bennettsville, S.C. 29512	479-2651
Newberry	Allen Morrison	1306 Hunt St., PO Box 217 Newberry, SC. 29108	276-3233
Oconee	Harrison Orr	106 E. Windsor St. Westminster, S.C. 29693	647-9073
Orangeburg	John Rivers	County Courthouse, PO Box 1000 Orangeburg, S.c. 29116	533-1000 ext. 250
Pickens	Carl Pilgrim	Old County Health Bldg, PO Box 451 Pickens, S.C. 29671	878-7825

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Richland	David Denton	1701 Main St., Suite 409 PO Box 192 Columbia, S.C. 29202	748-4662
Saluda	Cecil Riddle	125 S. Rudolph St, PO Box 307 Saluda, S.C. 29138	445-8848
Spartanburg	Ruth Wallen	Human Resource Center, Rm. 314 142 South Dean St. Spartanburg, S.C. 29301	596-2553
Sumter	Louis Fleming	Room 100, County Courthouse Sumter, S.C. 29150	773-1581 ext. 200
Union	Robert Eubanks	County Courthouse Union, SC. 29379	427-3462
Williamsburg	W.J. Small, Jr.	Office 6, Courthouse Square PO Box 565 Kingstree, S.C. 29556	354-6352
York	R. Wayne Beard	1070 Heckle Boulevard PO Box 11114 Rock Hill, S.C. 29731	327-2956

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

1988 - 1989

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Mr. Boyce Crow President Vietnam Veterans of America 255 St. David Drive West Columbia, S.C. 29169	(O) 796-8214
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